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Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Fee
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34	- 25	= 9	x 9.00	= \$81.00
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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